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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the claims, please enter the following amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 1 of the specification, please insert the following:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-182612 filed June 19, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

In the Abstract:

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Please insert therefore the following new abstract.

A solid polymer fuel cell which had a plurality of unit cells stacked one after another includes an electrode of an anion exchange membrane and an electrode of a cation exchange membrane disposed adjacent but not in contact with each other, gas diffusion layers commonly disposed on both sides of these electrodes for allowing electrons generated on the catalysts to pass, and interconnectors which are disposed outside the gas diffusion layers and serve as a current carrier having a gas channel.

In the Claims:

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3. The fuel cell according to Claim 1, wherein the anion exchange membrane comprises a heat-resistant polymer having an anionic group.